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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of) Examiner: Daniel G. DePumpo
ROLAND LEE SMITH) Art Unit: 3611
Application No. 10/731,780)
Filed: December 9, 2003)
For: TRAILER HITCH)
ALIGNMENT SYSTEM)

Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

I, Esther T. Smith, declare as follows:

1. My husband, Roland L. Smith, is the sole inventor of the trailer hitch alignment system invention disclosed in the above cited patent application, which I have reviewed.
2. He needed but could not find a trailer hitch alignment device that he could rely on. I watched him design the invention that is shown in his patent application before 2002.
3. I have used his trailer hitch alignment system many times since he first invented it and have never failed to complete the connection, including the first trial more than four years ago.

This declaration is made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine, or imprisonment or both, under 18 USC 001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

1-24-05
Date:

Esther T. Smith
Declarant



To whom it may concern:

This is to verify that my father, Roland Smith, started work on a trailer hitch device shortly after he built his concession trailer to fulfill his commitment to the Mt. Pleasant, S.C. Recreation Department.

He made improvements and modifications, after the initial idea, so that practically anyone can use it successfully. He did this before 2002.

I have tried it personally, and my 75 year old mother has used it and neither of us has failed to successfully complete the attempt - not once -

Karen S. Burch
Jan. 24, 2005